

Comment Letters

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Subject: Comments on Proposed Regulatory Framework

Hi Kathy,

In regards to the proposed lowering of the Coachella Valley's watering reduction mandate by 4 percentage points, Mr. Max Gomberg's, senior environmental scientist, assertion that snow-birds (winter visitors) do not "show up until the summer heat dies down" is accurate. His reasoning for not including "part-time residents in the region's population totals" to "calculate local agencies conservation targets based on per-person consumption over the summer" is not. He goes on to say that "it wouldn't make sense to include them in the region's population totals".

While seasonal residents may not be in attendance during the heat of the summer, their yards are still being irrigated when the heat and evapotranspiration rates are at their peaks. Since it is estimated that 70% of residential water consumption is used for irrigation, these seasonal visitor's numbers should, in fact, be included in any computations related to population totals whether or not they are physically present. By not doing so drastically skews the calculations used to determine whether or not the mandated reductions have been accomplished.

Thank you,

Bill Gates, Palm Desert, CA.